

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REDUCING SUPPLY ORDERS IN  
INVENTORY MANAGEMENT

Serial No. 10/646,605

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Examiner: Ashford S. Hayles

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Sir:

**Amendment**

In response to the office action mailed August 31, 2010, please  
amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.